ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERSTARS – With an eye toward keeping our waterways clean, seven marinas operating in Ocean County were recently honored by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for being designated a New Jersey Clean Marina, voluntarily meeting a host of environmentally responsible standards aimed at adopting practices to help prevent adverse impacts to water quality, sensitive habitats, and living resources in proximity to marinas. The Clean Marina Certification Program was established by the Coastal Management Office of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in association with the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium and the New Jersey Sea Grant College Program. Of the 500 marinas operating in the state, nine have been designated New Jersey Clean Marinas and seven of those are located in Ocean County.

Pictured during the presentation of resolutions honoring the marinas at a recent Freeholder meeting are left to right, Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari, who serves as liaison to the Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program, Brian Hall of Dillons Creek Marina, Tali Engoltz of the DEP, Ed Harrison Jr. and Ed Harrison III both of Baywood Marina, Robert Holzwarth, Robbies Loveladies Marina and Freeholder Deputy Director James F. Lacey.

Also honored were the Green Cove Marina, Silver Cloud Marina, Forked River State Marina and Spencer's Bayside Marina.